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# Chicago Carnation Company

## To Our Patrons:

With the advent of another season, we are better prepared to fill your order for cuttings of choice varieties from stock that is perfectly clean and healthy.

During the past years we have received many unsolicited testimonials of the excellent quality of our stock and of the good condition our shipments are received in, and this year, with our improved facilities and personal attention to all orders, we shall endeavor to make every shipment one of more profit to you.

Of our hundreds of prizes we have won and to which we added twenty-six first prizes last season and fourteen prizes won so far this season speaks for itself of the condition our stock is in, as it is absolutely necessary to have healthy stock to produce prize winners.

We note with interest the marked advancement of the carnation as the most popular cut flower again this season, and with our new and up-to-date varieties we are in a better position to supply you with high grade cuttings than ever before.

New varieties and improved culture has entered nearly every establishment, large or small, and has elevated the standard of carnations to such a degree that a new one must be of unusual merit to meet with the approval of the buyer.

We grow nothing but the best of the latest varieties; those possessing unusual merit and which we take pride in recommending to our many patrons.

We take pleasure in offering you a list that we are sure every one will agree with us is a good one.

Now is the time you should renew your stock, as no doubt you have varieties growing that you will discard next season, putting newer and better varieties in place of them. Give our novelties that show marked improvements a trial, and create among your customers a demand for good stock and keep in line with progressive florists.

In presenting you our list, which we trust you will carefully consider, we wish to impress upon you that we are carnation specialists and do not offer you anything that we do not grow or cannot recommend to be first class. We guarantee our cuttings to be healthy and in first class condition and to give satisfaction in every respect.

Thanking you in anticipation of your patronage this season, and thanking you for many past favors, we beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

CHICAGO CARNATION CO.

A. T. PYFER, Manager.



## Andrew Carnegie

(Scarlet Harlowarden.)

This variety sported with us and Jennie P. Snow of Sharon, Mass. It is a scarlet sport of Harlowarden, the best known crimson on the market. The color is the ideal shade of rich velvety scarlet, a shade not seen in any other variety of the so-called scarlets.

**Form:**—Fine full center and nicely fringed. Identical with its parent, which is known for its extra fine flowers, measuring 3 to 3½ inches.

**Calyx:**—Best. One of the strong points to be considered, being long and never known to split. The stem is long and wirey and not inclined to be weak; always holds the flower erect.

**Substance:**—The keeping-qualities are of the best. A good shipper and keeper; therefore a valuable variety for both the wholesaler and retailer.

**Productiveness:**—Early, free and continuous.

**Habit:**—Very healthy and upright in growth, with little surplus grass. Every break makes a rapid growth and produces a perfect bloom. The highest scoring carnation on the market today.

\$12 per 100. \$100 per 1,000.

## **Afterglow (Witterstaetter)**

(Bright Rosy Cerise.)

About the color of Mrs. Lawson. A strong grower with a good stem 24 to 30 inches in length and a good shipper and keeper. One of the coming varieties of this color.

\$12 per 100. \$100 per 1,000.

## **Sarah Hill (Knopf)**

A very large white full flower with full center and broad guarded petals. The stem is strong enough to hold the flower up in grand shape at all times; a good producer and well worth trying.

\$12 per 100. \$100 per 1,000.

## **Superior (Knopf)**

(Lawson-Enchantress.)

A good, well filled flower. The color of Lawson with the habit of Enchantress.

\$12 per 100. \$100 per 1,000.

## **Winona (Dorner)**

(A Beautiful Shade of Pink.)

So much admired and always in demand; a shade of pink not found in our standard varieties; what may be termed a medium pink, good even color, with form, stem and calyx that score high. Good size and an exceptionally strong grower with a nice habit. Blooms early and is in excellent condition to the end of the season.

\$12 per 100. \$100 per 1,000.

## **May (Baur & Smith)**

(Light Pink.)

A strictly commercial variety; an early and continuous bloomer; produces blooms  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Good stem and calyx.

\$12 per 100. \$100 per 1,000.

## **Splendor (Stevenson Bros.)**

A Lawson seedling, lighter in color with about the same habit and growth. Calyx does not burst, nor does the color fade in bright weather; therefore a very valuable variety.

\$10 per 100. \$75 per 1,000.

## **Winsor**

(A Bright Silvery Pink.)

Flowers are nicely formed. The stem is 15 to 20 inches; good strong calyx. Comes early and produces freely. Very much on the habit of Mrs. Thos. W. Lawson.

\$6 per 100. \$50 per 1,000.



## Aristocrat

(Beautiful Cerise.)

This variety has practically taken the place of Mrs. Thos. W. Lawson. We believe this is one of the most wonderful carnations to date; a combination of good points. Regardless of what varieties are in the market now or what varieties will come, we are strong in our belief that Aristocrat will be grown for many years as a leading variety of this color, as it does well universally. It will come into bloom whenever you want it and give you stems 12 to 18 inches long from the start. It is a fact that there is not a variety on the market or in sight that will produce as many first class flowers in a season as Aristocrat, and as there is no sign of disease in our stock, you are sure of getting high grade cuttings of this variety again this season.

**Color:**—Beautiful cerise. A shade brighter than Mrs. Thos. W. Lawson.

**Form:**—Ideal, symmetrical high built flower of large size, average  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Has a long perfect calyx that does not burst.

**Stem:**—Long and wirey. Always sufficiently strong to hold the flower perfectly erect. Length, 24 to 30 inches and over.

**Substance:**—Keeping qualities are of the best, one of its strongest features being its excellent keeping and shipping qualities.

**Productiveness:**—Early, very free and continuous, coming into bloom whenever you want it and continuing throughout the season without cessation.

**Habit:**—Strong, healthy and clean with upright growth with no surplus grass. Every break makes a rapid advance and produces a long stemmed flower quicker than any variety we have ever grown. The growth is characteristic of this variety. The grass being long and narrow, it is not inclined to stem rot or other diseases. Establishes itself readily from the field. The night temperature of 48 to 50 degrees suits it the best.

\$6 per 100. \$50 per 1,000.

## **Beacon**

(Orange-Scarlet.)

Fine, well formed flowers on good stiff stems. Makes a fine, large plant early in the season and produces quite freely.

\$6 per 100. \$50 per 1,000.

## **White Enchantress**

(Pure White.)

The true stock of this variety. Many growers offer white Enchantress which shows pink in the center. There is no trace of any color in our stock of this variety. The form, stem and habit, identical with its parent—Enchantress. We have about the largest stock of this variety of any one in the West and we are in position to offer first class cuttings of this variety in large quantities.

\$6 per 100. \$50 per 1,000.

## **Welcome**

(A True medium Shade of Pink.)

While it is a sport from Mrs. Lawson, it is a great improvement over that variety having a longer stem and a better constitution; what we might call a Winsor-Enchantress or improved Lawson, as it has the habit of the Lawson while the color is about the same as the Rose Pink Enchantress or Winsor.

\$6 per 100. \$50 per 1,000.

## **Red Chief**

(Scarlet.)

A very good producer of medium sized flowers. Does not make a large plant. Every break makes a flowering shoot; the ideal Christmas scarlet, having a rich scarlet color, so much in demand at that time. Produces well at all times of the season.

\$6 per 100. \$50 per 1,000.

## **Red Riding Hood**

(Scarlet.)

Winner of many prizes on the exhibition table. Fine, large flowers on good, heavy stems.

\$6 per 100. \$50 per 1,000.

## **Rose Pink Enchantress**

A bright, rosy pink sport of Enchantress of the original Schroeter stock, a shade that is very popular and always in demand. We have an exceptionally large stock of this variety.

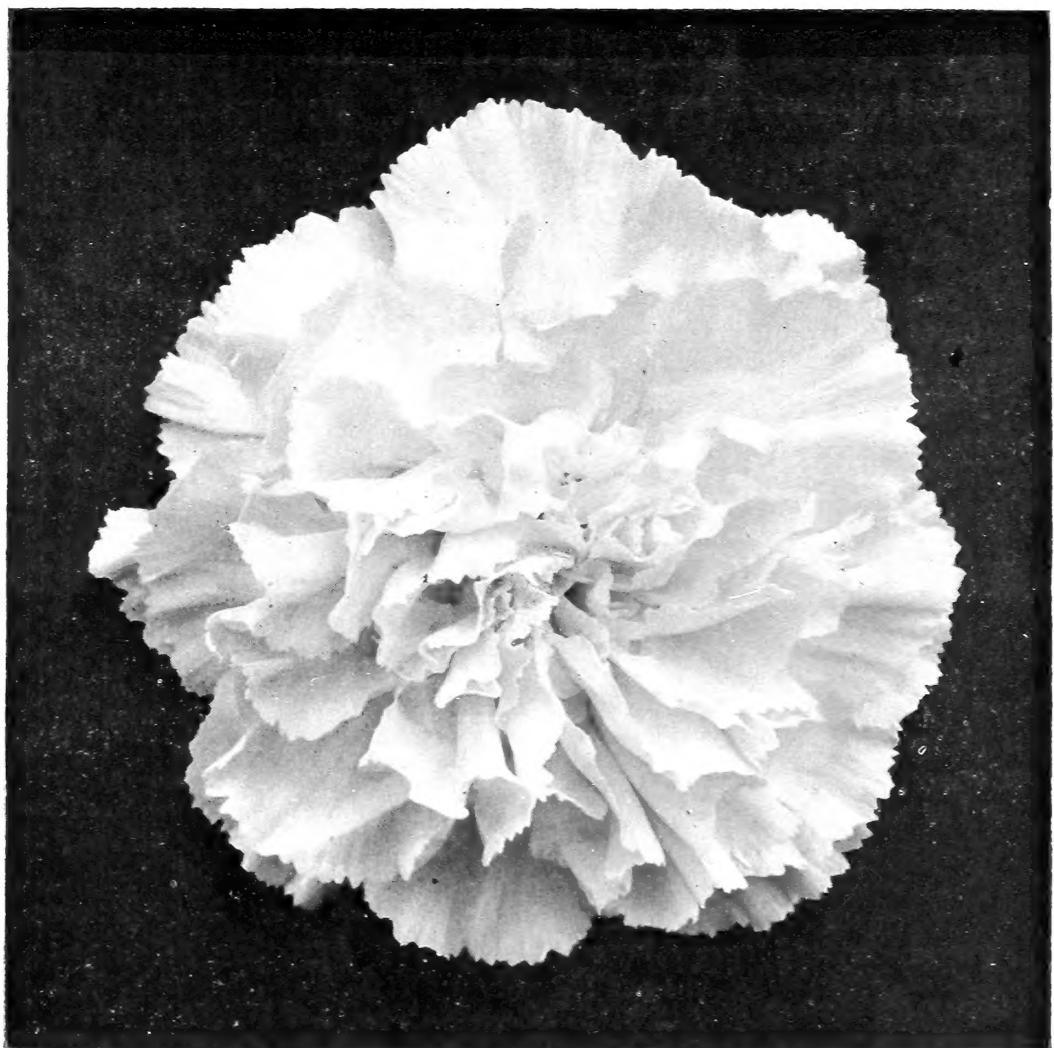
\$3 per 100. \$25 per 1,000.

## **Victory**

(Scarlet.)

A very nice habit and produces high grade flowers quite freely. A money maker and one of the best standard scarlets on the market.

\$3 per 100. \$25 per 1,000.



## White Perfection

Pure, large white flowers, 3 to 4 inches in diameter on a good stem. The habit is similar to that of Aristocrat, inclined to grow tall with no grass; every break making a flower in a remarkably short time. This variety is well known, and we are growing it as one of our principle whites and are in position to offer cuttings in large quantities.

\$3 per 100. \$25 per 1,000.

## White Lawson

Pure white sport of Mrs. Lawson. A very good commercial variety. Does well everywhere.

\$2.50 per 100. \$20 per 1,000.

## Daybreak Lawson or Melody

A variety that comes nearer the Daybreak in color than any other. Habit the same as Mrs. Lawson, with a better constitution. One of the best shippers and keepers, and in many ways superior to Enchantress. Many of our cut flower customers prefer this to any other variety of the same color.

\$3 per 100. \$25 per 1,000.

## **Lady Bountiful**

Good white and a very well known standard.

\$2.50 per 100. \$20 per 1,000.

## **Cardinal**

(Scarlet.)

One of the best standards, and as a bloomer the year around it is hard to beat.

\$3 per 100. \$25 per 1,000.

## **Fiancee**

(The True Pink.)

Although it splits badly in some localities, it does remarkably well in others, especially where it is grown in high, even temperature.

\$3 per 100. \$25 per 1,000.

## **Enchantress**

(Light Pink.)

Large, full flowers on good stems. Has a good habit and does well everywhere.

\$3 per 100. \$25 per 1,000.

## **Variegated Lawson**

Variegated sport of Mrs. Lawson. Has a longer stem and a better constitution than its parent. The best variegated on the market.

\$3 per 100. \$25 per 1,000.

## **Harlowarden**

(Crimson.)

Long, wirey stem; very prolific. The flowers are large and well formed. It is one of the best of this color and well known to every one.

\$2 per 100. \$15 per 1,000.

## **Mrs. Thomas W. Lawson**

(Cerise Pink.)

Large flower on stiff stem. One of the most productive of carnations. Very largely grown and a popular favorite.

\$2 per 100. \$15 per 1,000.

## **Pink Imperial**

(Cerise Pink.)

Large flowers on exceptionally long stems.

\$6 per 100. \$50 per 1,000.

## **Imperial**

(Variegated.)

Large flowers on extra long, stiff stems.

\$6 per 100. \$50 per 1,000.

# Crysanthemums

## Golden Eagle (Dorner)

One of the most valuable yellow Chrysanthemums ever offered to the American trade, and we feel sure that it will prove as great a favorite as Mr. Dorner's Bonnaffon has done; it has been thoroughly tried, this being its third year. At the last Indianapolis show it was the dominant variety, the large vases of it attracting unusual attention and taking first place of the finest yellow in each of its entries.

The color is as deep a yellow as Golden Wedding, the form a compact incurved the stem is perfect, holding the flower quite erect, with the foliage quite up to the flower. It is a seedling from Appleton, with all that variety's good points, and without the defect of double-decking its blooms.

Mr. Dorner recommends this variety highly for commercial purposes, and we are glad to endorse his recommendation. Scored 96 C. S. A. and won the sweepstakes at a recent Chicago show.

50 cents each. \$5 per dozen. \$35 per 100.

## Golden Dome

(Macrae's Golden Sport from Yellow Eaton.)

A good commercial variety. Mid-season and later; shows a little variation in foliage, but loses none of the Eaton beauty; splendid stem; color golden yellow, with the refined form and finish of Bonnaffon. Use second buds and terminals.

\$6 per 100.

## Mlle. Angele Laurent

Four feet, with fine stem and foliage up to the flower; an extra fine commercial white, incurving, compact and of splendid texture. October 10th and later. Take the bud September 1st to 10th.

\$6 per 100.

## Col. Appleton

As to bud: If for commercial purpose, use the first crown, which brings it early and large; if for exhibition, use the second crown, which brings a flower with a better finish; golden yellow;  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet. November 1st to 10th.

\$3 per 100. \$25 per 1,000.

## Dr. Eguehard

Good commercial variety, also fine for exhibition; color, pink without any trace of purple; stem and foliage perfect. Mid-season variety. Height, four feet. Always use late bud.

\$3 per 100. \$25 per 1,000.

## **Timothy Eaton**

Height 3½ feet; time, November 5th and later; can be spaced 6 x 8 inches; take bud between August 25th and September 15th; use first or second crown. The terminal bud brings a brittle stem, breaking frequently at the first shoulder.

\$3 per 100. \$25 per 1,000.

## **Mrs. Mary Mann**

A seedling from Marie Liger, with perfect stem and foliage; an easy doer; November 1. With fine globular form, large size, broad grooved petals and extra fine shade of pink; florets show the bright shade to its best advantage; 3½ feet tall. Take second crown or terminal.

\$4 per 100.

## **Clementine Touset**

(The Early "Chadwick.")

The bloom is the largest obtainable white for the date, having received C. S. A. certificate on October 8th. It is one of the most lasting varieties, either on or off the plants; has a splendid stem and foliage; can be planted close and bring every flower perfect; just about the color of Chadwick. Second crown or terminal bud. The finest early commercial variety of recent years; a very profitable sort.

\$3 per 100. \$25 per 1,000.

## **Mrs. Nathan Smith**

A Japanese incurve, equally suitable for exhibition or commercial purposes. It is a pure glistening white; the petals, which have great substance, loosely incurve and intertwine in entirely informal manner. Height, 3½ feet. If the variety were an "Easy doer" we should give it first place among mid-season whites, for well done blooms show an absolutely perfect "mum." Will repay study and careful culture.

\$4 per 100.

## **Monrovia**

Grand Commercial yellow, probably the very best for its date, October 1st and later; when well done leaves little to be desired in its color. Four feet. An easy doer.

\$3 per 100. \$25 per 1,000.

## **W. H. Chadwick**

Magnificent variety in both form and color and unsurpassed in size. Not an easy doer, but repays extra trouble. White or blush. Four feet. Very late mid-season. Terminal bud.

\$3 per 100.

## **White Bonnaffon**

One of the most useful of the white varieties. Color, very fine and pure; splendid form; one of the best. Three feet. Late mid-season. Terminal bud.

\$3 per 100. \$25 per 1,000.

## **Golden Chadwick**

This is a grand addition to the commercial yellows. A perfect Chadwick, in a good shade of color; almost as deep as Appleton.

\$4 per 100. \$30 per 1,000.

## **Glory of the Pacific**

Best early pink. 2½ feet. Crown bud. Early October.

\$3 per 100. \$25 per 1,000.

## **Adelia**

Broad petaled; incurving of fine build and size; five feet.

\$3 per 100. \$25 per 1,000.

## **Majestic**

Grand incurving white with broad grooved petals; 5 feet.

\$4 per 100. \$30 per 1,000.

## **Estelle**

Early; height, two feet; ready to cut October 1st.

\$3 per 100. \$25 per 1,000.

## **Ivory**

Grand mid-season white; still unexcelled.

\$3 per 100. \$25 per 1,000.

## **Cremo**

Sport of Pacific; same as Estelle in habit and every way except color, which is pure yellow.

\$3 per 100. \$25 per 1,000.

## **Pink Ivory**

Sport of Ivory; habit same.

\$3 per 100. \$25 per 1,000.

## **Yellow Bonnaffon**

Best all around commercial yellow.

\$3 per 100. \$25 per 1,000.

## **Mrs. Henry Robinson**

White; mid-season; favorite everywhere.

\$3 per 100. \$25 per 1,000.

## **Monogram**

(Buckbee.)

Light pink; mid-season.

\$5 per 100. \$40 per 1,000.

# Roses

Prices are for stock from 2-inch pots.

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## Richmond

(Red.)

A splendid easy forcing rose; long stem; good producer; a grand flower.

\$4 per 100. \$35 per 1,000.

## American Beauty

Too well known to need description. \$6 per 100; \$50 per 1,000.

## Madam Chatney

A very popular pink variety on account of its close resemblance in color to La France, which is displaced as a commercial variety. \$3 per 100; \$25 per 1,000.

## Uncle John

Same as Goden Gate, from which it is a sport, except in color, which is a deeper pink. \$3 per 100; \$25 per 1,000.

## Bride

The most widely grown of all white forcing varieties. Simply indispensable. \$3 per 100; \$25 per 1,000.

## Bridesmaid

The most widely grown of all the pink forcing varieties, and the best seller. \$3 per 100; \$25 per 1,000.

## Golden Gate

Creamy white, flushed pink; very strong grower; has become indispensable among forcing varieties. Very profuse in bloom. \$3 per 100; \$25 per 1,000.

## Killarney

Beautiful pink; lighter than Bridesmaid; very much in demand.

\$4 per 100. \$35 per 1,000.

# Testimonials

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We beg to submit you a few of the unsolicited testimonials which we received from our well satisfied customers, and are pleased to say that of the hundreds of customers we had the past season there is not one that is dissatisfied with our treatment or the stock they received, which alone should convince you of the excellent quality and high grade stock of rooted carnation cuttings of which we make a specialty.

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Red Stone, Colo., May 23, '07.

Dear Sir:—Carnation cuttings arrived in excellent condition and I am very pleased with the condition of all of your stock I have received this spring, and if you care to receive our little order each year I can assure you it will be placed with you.

Yours truly,  
(Signed) ARTHUR JAMES.

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Omaha, Neb., April 12, '07.

Dear Sir:—The White Perfection you have sent me is a credit to you in Omaha.

Respectfully yours,  
(Signed) PAUL B. FLOTH.

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Victoria, B. C., March 19, '07.

Dear Sir:—Aristocrat came in today in fine shape. I wish you would write as to what temperature suits it best and greatly oblige.

Yours truly,  
(Signed) FAIRVIEW GREENHOUSES.

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Belvidere, Ill., June 1, '07.

Gentlemen:—Enclosed find check in settlement of the carnations billed me on May 2nd, and I am pleased to say that these carnations came through in good order and the cuttings are very fine and I expect good results from them.

Thanking you very much for sending me such prime stock, and assuring you that it is very much appreciated, I am,

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) B. ELDREDGE.

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Uhrichsville, Ohio, March 28, '07.

Dear Sir:—We received the carnations and in good shape. We never received any better ones.

Yours truly,  
(Signed) G. M. GILMORE CO.

Kankakee, Ill., April 10, '07.

Dear Sir:—Enclosed find money order for \$12.00. The Aristocrat cuttings were all right. For the first time in my life, received every cutting with roots.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) A. H. BURT.

Kokomo, Ind., April 10, '07.

Gentlemen:—Enclosed find money order in payment of the carnations you sent me. They are fine. I did not lose one of them, and want to thank you for sending me such good stock.

Yours truly,

(Signed) W. H. BITLER.

Milbrae, Calif., May 14, '07.

Dear Sir:—The White Perfection and Aristocrat (rooted cuttings from sand) received today. They were good cuttings and got here in first rate condition.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) L. NELSON, Mgr.,  
Bayshore Nursery Co.

Warren, Ohio, Feb. 4, '07.

Dear Sir:—Enclosed find check for carnation cuttings. They were all O. K. We never had better cuttings sent us.

Yours truly,

(Signed) ADGATE & SON,  
Per F. A.

Sandusky, Ohio, Feb. 19, '07.

Dear Sir:—Enclosed find check in payment of carnation cuttings. They arrived in fine condition and are about the best I ever received from any firm.

Yours truly,

(Signed) C. F. KRYSSKE.

## A Few Hints in the Care of Carnation Cuttings

As soon as received from the distributor, they should be potted in two-inch pots by experienced men, who must use great care and judgment. Too many young carnations are potted too deeply, that is, the root crown is buried from three-quarters to one inch below the surface of the soil. The root crown should not be more than one-quarter inch below the surface soil, still they should be so firm that when watered they will not topple over. Use a soil that has never been in a greenhouse before. If your soil is heavy or on the clayey order, add clean, sharp sand in proportions that will permit of good drainage and easy action of the young, tender roots. As soon as potted, place in a house with a temperature of 50 degrees at night and not over 60 degrees in the daytime. Give them a thorough watering at first, after which great care must be exercised that they do not become too wet or too dry. Strong drafts of air should never be allowed to strike them, nor should they be exposed to the direct rays of the sun until they show signs of taking new root actions and signs of growing or straightening up the leaves. It is a good plan to use strips of burlap for shade during the lightest hours of the day, taking same away entirely as the sun disappears, leaving them exposed to all the light possible, except sun-light, until they have hardened up, when all shade should be taken away.

If these instructions are followed, it will be only a short time until you can turn the plant with the ball of earth out of the pot and examine the roots. If the bottom of the ball is well covered, it is a sign they are ready for larger pots or the field, as the case may be, according to the reason.

# **FIELD GROWN** **Carnation Plants.**

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<i>10000</i>	<i>Per 100</i>	<i>Per 1,000</i>
30,000 Aristocrat, (bright cerise) . . .	\$12.00	\$100.00
1,000 White Perfection, (pure white) . . .	8.00	75.00
1,000 White Lawson, (good white) . . .	7.00	60.00
500 Lieut. Peary, (good white) . . .	7.00	
250 Abundance, (good white) . . .	6.00	
200 My Maryland, (good white) . . .	7.00	
1,000 Daybreak Lawson, (light pink) . . .	8.00	75.00
1,000 Fair Maid, (light pink) . . .	6.00	50.00
500 Fiancee, (pink) . . .	6.00	
150 Helen Goddard, (dark pink) . . .	7.00	
100 Candace, (dark pink) . . .	6.00	
3,000 Cardinal, (good scarlet) . . .	6.00	50.00
1,000 Skyrocket, (good scarlet) . . .	6.00	50.00
1,000 Red Riding Hood, (new scarlet) . .	12.00	100.00
500 Red Lawson, (scarlet) . . .	6.00	
1,000 Jessica, (good variegated) . . .	6.00	50.00
1,000 Variegated Lawson . . .	6.00	50.00

## **Chicago Carnation Company**

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A. T. PYFER - MANAGER

**Joliet**

**Illinois**



# Price List

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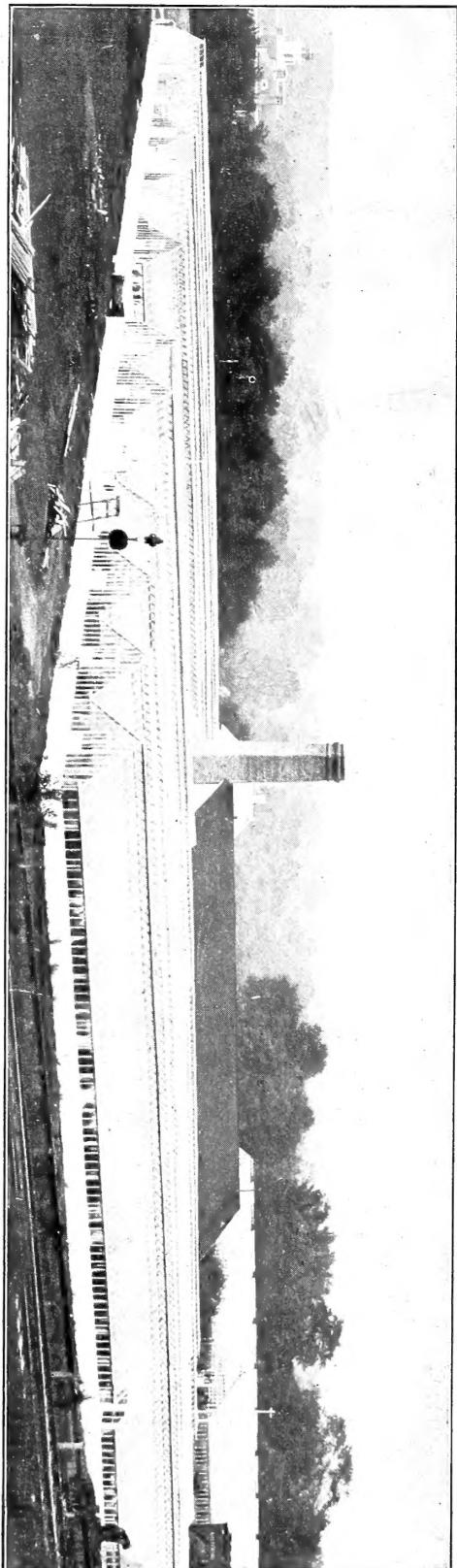
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	Per 100	Per 1,000
Andrew Carnegie, scarlet Harlowarden.....	\$12.00	\$100.00
Afterglow, bright rosy cerise.....	12.00	100.00
Sarah Hill, a very large white.....	12.00	100.00
Superior, Lawson-Enchantress.....	12.00	100.00
Winona, a beautiful shade of pink.....	12.00	100.00
May, pink, brighter than Enchantress.....	12.00	100.00
Splendor, lighter than Lawson.....	10.00	75.00
Aristocrat, beautiful cerise.....	6.00	50.00
Winsor, a bright silvery pink.....	6.00	50.00
Beacon, orange-scarlet.....	6.00	50.00
White Enchantress, pure white.....	6.00	50.00
Welcome, pink .....	6.00	50.00
Red Chief, scarlet.....	6.00	50.00
Red Riding Hood, scarlet.....	6.00	50.00
White Perfection, white.....	3.00	25.00
Rose Pink Enchantress.....	3.00	25.00
Daybreak Lawson or Melody.....	3.00	25.00
Victory, scarlet .....	3.00	25.00
White Lawson, white.....	2.50	20.00
Lady Bountiful, white.....	2.50	20.00
Cardinal, scarlet .....	3.00	25.00
Fiancee, pink .....	3.00	25.00
Enchantress, pink .....	3.00	25.00
Variegated Lawson .....	3.00	25.00
Harlowarden, crimson .....	2.00	15.00



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A. T. PYFER, Manager



A PARTIAL VIEW OF OUR GREENHOUSES